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Tamburini et al.)
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For: Human Bikunin)

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply (Nonprovisional) mailed 3/25/2002 in the application identified above, a copy of which is returned with this Response. The Notice of Incomplete Reply indicated that the Patent Office received the applicants' Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers on 03/01/2002 without an abstract of the disclosure, which was required by the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed 12/04/2001.

In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, the applicants direct the Patent Office's attention to the last three paragraphs of page 1 of the Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers filed 03/01/2002, which asked the Patent Office to amend the specification by inserting the abstract provided therein. The complete abstract was provided in the final paragraph on page 1 of the Response. In addition, the Remarks section of the response stated that an abstract was provided with the Response (see the bottom of page 4).

Since the Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers filed March 1, 2002 did in fact provide an abstract and therefore was not incomplete, no fee is believed to be due in connection with this Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Respectfully submitted,
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 03/01/2002 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 12/04/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- An abstract was not provided for this application. An abstract of the technical disclosure is required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- a: Response to Notice of Incomplete Reply;
- b: Copy of Notice to Incomplete Reply; and
- d: Return Receipt Postcard.

2. With respect to additional fees:

- a. Attached is a check in the amount of \$00.00.
- b. Charge the total additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 13-2490. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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